

# Great News from IRELAND,

Being Motives of Encouragement for the Officers and Souldiers  
who shall Serve in the

## Present War of Ireland.

Licens'd April 9th, 1689. James Fraser.

Drawn from the Heads following,

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IV. The Number and Value of the said Employes.

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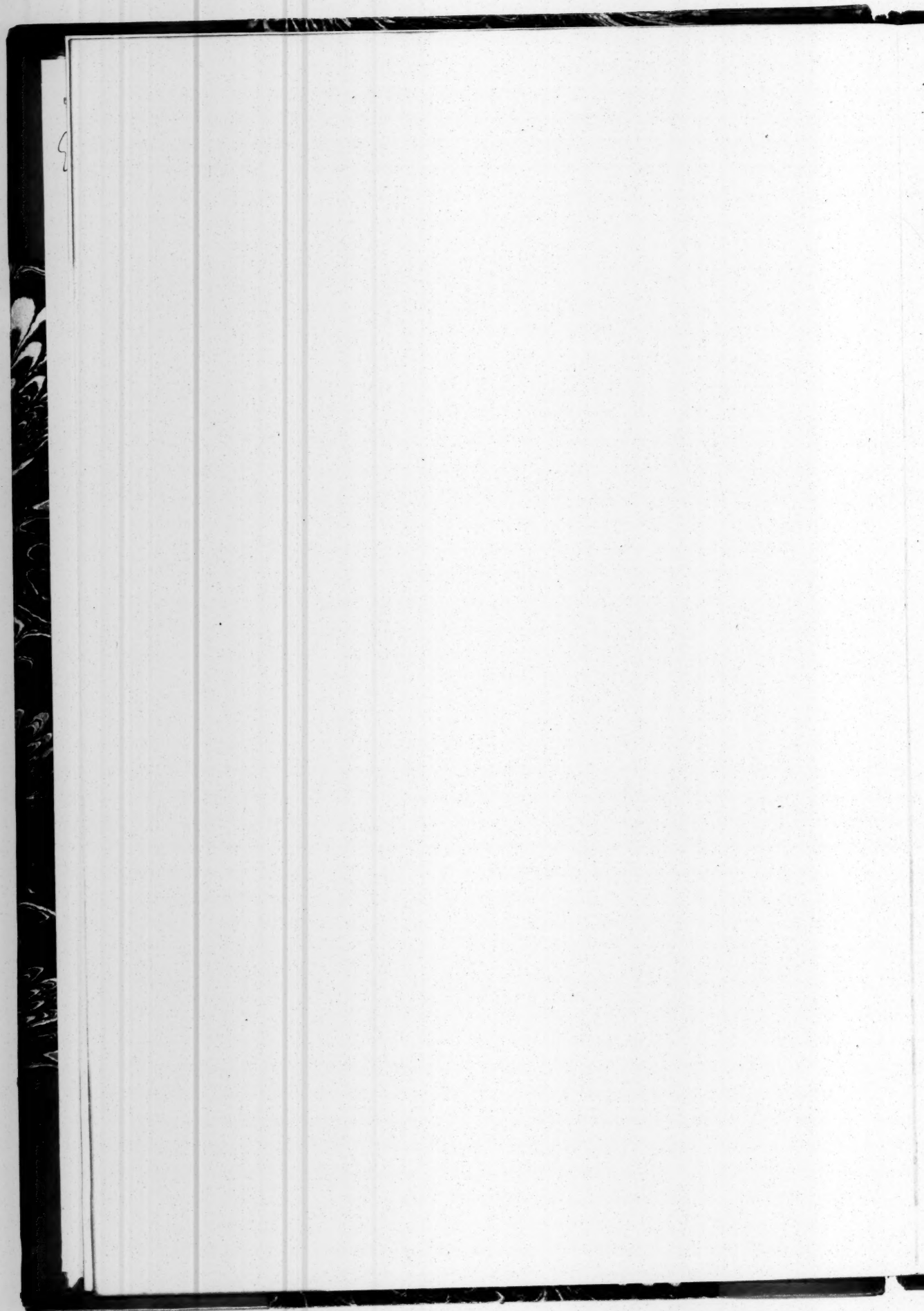
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Estates, of the Natives of their Communion, have most Zealously Imposed and Infused such Principles, as are most suitable and conducing to their own Ends, and to the Ignorance and Barbarity of the deluded Natives. As

1. That Ignorance is the Mother of Devotion.
2. That there is but one Church, and that is the *Roman Catholick Church*.
3. That the said Church, like *Noah's Ark*, those only are saved that are in it, and all lost that are without it.
4. That they must believe as the Church believes.
5. That the Priests are this Church.
6. That the Priests have the Keys of Heaven, and Hell and Purgatory, and they shut and open them as they please.
7. That the Priest's Absolution is God's Absolution.
8. That Obedience to the Church, viz. the Priests, is better than Sacrifice to God.
9. That Disobedience is worse than the Sin of Witch-craft, and was the Sin of *Corah, Dathan and Abiram*.
10. That the Protestants are all Excommunicated Hereticks.
11. That they are all Secluded Heaven.
12. That Dominion and Propriety are founded in Grace, and that Protestants having not Grace, have no Right to Either.
13. That Protestants are all workers of Iniquity, and ought to be destroy'd, and that it is no more Sin to Kill a Heretick, (viz. a Protestant,) than to kill a Mischievous Dog.
14. That an Oath taken upon a Protestant Bible, is no more obliging, than if taken on *Aesop's Fables*.
15. That private Christians are not to Dispute Matters of Religion, but are to receive that Knowledge from their Priests.
16. That the Priests and not the People, are accountable to God for the Peoples Mistakes in Matters of Religion.

17. That the Priests Pronouncing the Words of Consecration make a piece of Bread to be a God. And lastly, that private Christians ought not to have, read or keep, a Bible.

These and many other as Dangerous and Destructive Principles, appears not only to be held and believed by these Ignorant and Barbarous People, but are proved, and that by a Reverend and no less Learned a Prelate than the present Bishop of *Lincolne*, to be the Doctrines and Practices of the Papists, and Cannons of their Church, and are very suitable to *Urbanus Octavus* his Bull for, Consecrating the Horrid and Bloody Rebellion in 1647.

*As is the Fountain, such must be the Streams.*

*As is the Tree, such must be the Fruit.*

A Learned Subtile and united Clergy, Imposing and Improving these and the like Principles into an Illiterate, Immoral, Loose and Barbarous People, Biassed with Prejudice and Malice against the Persons Professions and Laws, of the Crown of *England*, as they must needs advance the *Irish* Papists, as aforesaid, to the highest Elevation of Biggotry, so it must needs render them unable and incapable to receive any Places of Trust and Power from a Protestant Prince, or to Exercise it over a Protestant People.

From whence it Naturally follows,

1. That all Places of Trust and Power in the Kingdom of *Ireland* must be put into the hands of Protestants, and
2. That the Numbers of these Biggotted *Irish* Papists being so disproportionable, and their Hatred against the *British* Protestants so Irreconcilable, it further appears, as aforesaid, that the *British* cannot be safe in *Ireland* without a good standing Protestant Army for their constant Security.
3. That this Army put into the hands of Sober, Virtuous, Discreet and Experienced, Officers, will not only be a Security to the Protestants there, but a Seminary to the Crown of *England*, whence, as occasion offers, may be drawn good Officers and Souldiers.
4. That in the Kingdom of *Ireland* are many fixed and Established Garrisons, which the Government usually granted for Life, with considerable Revenues, Fees, and other Perquisites, over and above the Establishment of their Pay.

5. That the Officers of the Army have usually had the Addition of Civil Employments, which are many times more Beneficial than their Military Offices, and given them to make their Persons and Employments the more Considerable in their respective Stations, which said Employments upon Enquiry will be found to be many in Number, as well as Considerable in point of Profit, and may be Reducible to those following Heads.

1. Officers or Dependants on the Chief Governour and State.

2. Officers or Dependants on the Courts of Judicature.

3. Officers or Dependants on the Army.

4. Officers or Dependants on the King's Revenue.

5. Officers or Dependants on the Church.

6. Officers or Dependants on the respective Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate and Burroughs.

1. As to the Officers and Dependants on the Chief Governour and State in *Ireland*, they are in a great measure the same with those of the King and State in *England*, and at a moderate Calculation cannot be less than two hundred.

2. The Officers and Dependants on the Courts of Judicature, are also much the same with those of *England*, and are more than four hundred.

3. The Officers and Dependants on the standing Army, Garrisons, Train of Artillery, and Stores, are not less than five hundred.

4. The Officers and dependants on the Kings certain and casual Revenue, including the Prerogative, Admiralty, and Post Office, are best computed from the Annual Charge of the Crown, which is to them more than forty thousand pounds per Annum, and are not less in number than 400 Employes.

5. As to the Officers and Dependants on the Church, it is well known that the whole Kingdom is divided into 22. Dioceses, each Diocese hath its Bishoprick; the 4 Provinces have each of them an Arch-Bishop with about 2508 Parishes, with their respective Dignitaries, which though inferiour in number to those in *England*, yet what they have is near equal in value, and settled by Law as in *England*, and cannot have less than Employes for 3000 persons, who must be all Protestants.

6. The number of the respective Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate, and Burroughs, Employes, are best known by the Survey of the whole Kingdom, which is near equal to *England*, (*Wales* excepted) and consists of 32 Counties, beside the Counties of the respective Cities, each County having several Towns Corporate, and all Judicial and Ministerial Employments with several distinct Revenues of Houses, Lands, Fees, and other Perquisites to support the Dignities of their respective Communities and their Officers, which being the highest and only places of Trust and Power in the said respective Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate and Burroughs, of the Kingdom, must be presumed to have a suitable Support, and cannot be in Number less than Eight Hundred.

So that the whole Number of the said Employes in Church and State appears to be more than 5300 Places of Reputation, Trust, Power, and plentiful Support, viz. to the Church 3000, and to the State 2300, which must be all put into the hands of Protestants, though the *Irish* Papists should be so wise as to submit on the 10th of April, 1689. to the Terms held forth in the King and Queens Declaration to all their Loving Subjects in that Kingdom, bearing Date at *White-hall* the 22d of February, 1688.

But in case of their Refusal, there will be a much greater Encouragement to the Protestant Officers and Souldiers who are or shall be Engaged in the War, as appears by the following particulars.

1. The *Irish* Papists having had the favour of the two last Kings, by Donations and Restorations, are much Richer now, than in the Year 1641.

2. The greatest part of their Lands, having been Improved by the *Brittish*, and when so Improved, taken from them and given the *Irish*, were lately of much greater Value than in 1641.

3. The said *Irish* are now in possession as of their own Right, of near four Millions of Acres of the best Land, and best Improved, in that Kingdom.

4. The said Lands with the Improvements cannot be of less Value than 8 Millions of Pounds.

5. The Forces agreed on by the House of Commons the 19th of March, 1688. to be forthwith Raised, being pur into Sober and Experienced Officers Hands, and that Army well Paid and Governed, may with God's Blessing, in all probability, in Twelve Months time Reduce and Recover that Kingdom.

6. The whole Charge of that Army in Twelve months cannot amount unto half a Million of pounds, which is not a 16th of what will be got by the said Conquest; which is less than the Protestants have already lost, and the *Irish* Papists got by plundering Houses and Stock off of Lands, besides the fall of Rents and Devastations of Plantations.

7. The Kings Majesty, whose word is as Sacred as his Office, hath by the Declaration, aforementioned, assured to all such Officers and Souldiers as shall be Aiding and Assisting in the Reducing the said Kingdom, that all Lands and Estates that by Law shall by that Rebellion be forfeited to Him, shall be distributed and disposed unto the said Army.

So that the Souldiery having good Pay, a Prospect of these Lands, and an assurance of the aforesaid Civil Employes, let a Scrutiny be made into all the Military Services in Christendom, and see if thence can be Extracted one Instance of Parallel, or equal Encouragement to this War of Reducing *Ireland*.

It is too sadly known that the *Brittish* received all imaginable Discouragement, and the *Irish* all imaginable Favour, since the Year 1660, the respective Chief Governours publick Instructions being to favour the *English*, but their private and more effectual Instructions was still to favour the *Irish*; yet notwithstanding those Varieties of Discouragement it is well known, that such hath been the Sobriety and Industry even of many of the private Souldiers both of Horse and Foot in the late General *Cromwells* Army, that they were before the present Popish Government under *Tyrconnel* possessed of considerable Estates real and personal, and also in considerable publick Employes in that Kingdom; and that which is yet more Remarkable, and as equally True, is, That when some of the late Governours in Compliance with their private Instructions put several *English* out and *Irish* into Places of Trust and Power, they found the said *Irish* so unable and incapable to manage them, that they were forced, against their will, as well as their private Instructions, to return them into the *British* or *English* hands, from whence they took them. Such of the *Irish* as were Sober, Industrious, and Men of Estates, were much better satisfied that those Employes were returned into *English* hands, then to have had them continued in the *Irish*. And that which is more Remarkable, is, That our present Gracious Sovereign King *William*, Acting his own Principles by making a Law for Ease of Tender Consciences, and an Act of Registry to Secure Property, and frequently inspecting the Execution of the Judicial and Ministerial Officers, Examining the Records of the Respective Offices, Moderating and Assenting their Respective Fees, & placing all, as ought by Law, in *Brittish* Protestants Hands, receiving & reinforcing the Laws made against Vagabonds & Idle Persons, and requiring Justices of Peace, pursuant to Law, to put forth to Trades such of the Natives Children as are unable to put them forth themselves & thereby Encouraging Trade and Manufactury in the respective Counties, Cities and Towns, of that Kingdom & not suffer the Trade of the three Kingdoms for to Interfere or Oppress each other, the wide Breaches now made upon the Protestants will soon be repaired in that Kingdom, the Expensive Charge of the War soon repaid, and *Ireland* which hath hitherto been a Charge and Burthen to *England* may for the future be made a place of great Advantage, both to the *Brittish* Crown, and *Brittish* People, and afford better Encouragements to Industrious and Sober Persons then any of our Foreign Plantations, it being Demonstrable, That as little Encouragement as was received under the Government of the Two last Kings, it is clear, that Cent per Cent profit with ease hath been made of Money in that Kingdom, and that by the common and commonly known ways of Grasing Cattel, he that would but disburse 100 *l.* in Lean Cattel about the Month of May, might well raise that 100 *l.* to a 150 *l.* in November following, though Beef the best, and Mutton, were both ordinarily then Sold in the Publick Markets for one Halpenny a Pound, and sometimes less; and in case the said Grasier would keep the said Cattle in House, and feed them well in Winter, his Money with ease might be doubled before the May following, it being frequently known that the verie Hides and Tallow would clear the Price of Buying in, and the Charge of Feeding the said Cattel.

To which may be added, as a further Encouragement, the great Plenty of Provisions, and the Cheapness thereof for Support of Life, &c. for, that in *Ireland* a much better Table may be kept for 100 *l.* a Year, than in *England* for 300 *l.* To which also may be subjoined, as a further Encouragement, that should *Ireland* be recovered by another Conquest, it might probably make for the greater Advantage of the *Brittish* Interest, Estimating the Value of Forfeited Lands by the Acts of *Decimo Septimo*, and *Decimo Octavo*, *Caroli Primi & Secundi*, its manifest that the highest Value of Inheritance was 500 *l.* (by those Acts) for 1000 *Irish* Acres, which is 50 *l.* each 100 Acres, and each 100 Acres *Irish* contains

tains about 160 *English* Measure; which having the Addition of one third more of Lands given in as unprofitable, makes the whole near 200 Acres *English* Measure, which if commonly pasturable may well Feed 100 Head of Cattel every Year. And they being Grafted and Fed as aforesaid, may at the Years end well yield 200 *l.* and in case the Land be commonly Arable, the advantage may be demonstrated to be much higher, so that half the Years profit of 100 Acres of Pasturable Land may Purchase the Inheritance, and pay the Grafter one Moiety of his principle Money. Besides all which it is well known Ten Thousands of Acres of Bog-Land, set forth to Souldiers and Adventurers as unprofitable, and without any Consideration allowed, or Rent reserved, was included in their several Lots; that since, with an Inconsiderable Charge in Draining thereof, are become the best and most valuable Land in the Kingdom, and there are yet many Thousand Acres of Land now capable of the same Improvement.

And Lastly, Though the last Rebellion continued Thirteen Years in that Kingdom, cost and lost many Millions of Pounds, (as appears by a 6 *d.* Book lately printed for R. Baldwin in the *Old Baily*, and Intituled, *The State of the Papist and Protestant Proprieties in the Kingdom of Ireland, &c.*) and Reduced the Lands not to a Moiety of the aforesaid Value, yet it is rationally presumed, that with the aforesaid Forces, Managed as aforesaid, and under that sober strict Discipline as the late General *Cromwell's* Army was in that Kingdom, its no way doubted but the same Conduct will have the same Success, and the Lands left in a much better condition by this, than by the former Rebellion, especially, if one Principle can be but effectually pursued, observed, and believed, now, as was then, *That no Sober nor Serious Person could be a Coward, and no Vain or Frothy Hector Truly Valiant*, which did not only appear True by the Success of that Army, but by the differing Conduct, and differing Success, of Two Armies of a later Date.

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